

Abstract

A printing apparatus ~~which~~ includes a printer body having a setting surface on which a ~~printing surface of~~ a printing medium is set ~~horizontally~~, a carriage beam 23 ~~which is~~ attached to the printer body and extending~~extends in the direction~~ along the setting surface, and a carriage 5 provided so as to be movable in the beam lengthwise direction with respect to the carriage beam 23, and further includes an ink head 6 equipped with a nozzle for discharging ink provided in the carriage, ~~comprises:~~ The printing apparatus also includes a carriage support which supports the carriage onto the carriage beam in a manner enabling it to move up and down, an ink receiving part which receives ink that is discharged from the ink head, and a receiving part supporting which supports the ink receiving part on the carriage in a manner enabling it to move to an ink receiving part below the ink head and a withdrawing position separated from the ink head.

~~—a carriage supporting means 7 which supports the carriage 5 onto the carriage beam 23 in a manner enabling it to move up and down;~~

~~—an ink receiving part 8 which receives ink that is discharged from the ink head 6, and~~

~~—a receiving part supporting means 9 which supports the ink receiving part 8 on the carriage 5 in a manner enabling it to move to an ink receiving part below the ink head and a withdrawing position separated from the ink head 6.~~